

The Committee on the Petition of John Ward & Others have attended to the business assigned them — They find that the number of Inhabitants which are included in the Village proposed to be annexed to Brookline, to be about ninety six, about thirty seven of which are Children, twenty four now attend School — The present number of Scholars that attend the lower School in this town are as many as can be accommodated in that House, & as many as can be instructed by one Preceptor, therefore should the proposed annexation take place the town must consent to abridge the privileges of their Children or be compelled to add another School, the Annual expense of which, together with a moderate allowance for the support of the poor will considerably exceed the tax that can be assessed on the property proposed to be annexed (exclusive of the cost of another house) — They therefore, after meeting the Applicants, & hearing them, and from a full & thorough investigation of the subject, are of the opinion that it will be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition —

Brookline May 1st 1820

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Committee

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Ex parte